

# The Libertarian Party of Texas

Bylaws of SLEC - August 2nd 2020

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## **I. Meetings of the State Executive Committee.**

- 1) The state Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as “SLEC”, of the Libertarian Party of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the “Party”, shall meet at such times and places and in the manner required by:
  - (a) these rules;
  - (b) the action of the SLEC itself;
  - (c) the call of its Chair; or
  - (d) the action of the Convention which elected it.
- 2) The SLEC shall be required to meet upon the written request of one-third or more of its members.
- 3) Minutes or a transcript shall be taken at all meetings of the SLEC, and a written copy shall be furnished to each member of the SLEC within thirty days after the meeting.
- 4) All meetings of the SLEC of the Party, except for executive sessions solely for the holding of a trial and possible removal of a member of the SLEC, shall be open to attendance by the public and the press.
- 5) Notice of the time and place of all SLEC meetings shall be given to all members not less than four (4) weeks prior to each meeting.
- 6) No in person meetings of the SLEC shall be held outside the State of Texas.

## **II. Quorum.**

Except as specifically provided otherwise in these Rules, a majority of the membership, excluding vacancies, shall be the quorum at all meetings of the SLEC.

## **III. Mail Voting.**

- 1) The SLEC may, without meeting together, transact business by mail, by voting on questions submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair or one-third or more of the SLEC members.
- 2) Fifteen days shall be allowed for the return of the ballots by mail to the Secretary. If at the end of fifteen days, a majority of the SLEC have not returned their ballots, the measure shall be considered defeated; when a majority of the ballots are returned within fifteen days, a majority of the ballots returned shall be sufficient for passage unless a higher vote is required by these Rules.
- 3) The Secretary must preserve all mail ballots received until their disposition is decided at the next meeting of the SLEC.
- 4) All mail votes by the SLEC shall be confirmed at the next SLEC meeting.

## **IV Electronic Meetings.**

- 1) The SLEC may, without meeting together in person, remotely transact business by electronic means.
- 2) Notice of the time of all remote meetings shall be given to all members of the SLEC not less than 72 hours prior to each meeting with a set agenda, and regular meeting notice requirement for an open agenda.
- 3) All remote meetings should be technologically inclusive of all SLEC members that have given their desire to participate in such meetings.
- 4) The SLEC may, by majority vote of all members, restrict which type of remote meetings may be held.

## **V. Electronic Voting.**

- 1) The SLEC may request to vote on an issue by email or online forums outside of a meeting if 10% of current members of the body request a vote by forum or email.

- 2) The chair shall clearly present the issue as a motion to be voted upon by forum or email. If this does not occur within one week after the request to vote the vote on this issue shall not be taken up unless another request to vote is started.
- 3) At least 48 hours shall be given after the motion is given before a final tally may be counted. If enough yeas votes of all current members to require passage have not been submitted within 96 hours the motion shall be considered failed.
- 4) If the method of casting votes was hidden then all members along with the name of each member and his or her vote shall be shown along with the final result.

## **VI Approval of Expenditures.**

- 1) The SLEC shall establish a categorized budget including expected revenues and expenses.
- 2) Authorization of all expenditures shall require a majority vote of the SLEC.
- 3) Disbursement of all party funds shall require the approval of either the Treasurer or the Chair.
- 4) The SLEC shall not take loans nor incur credit card debt.
- 5) Unless by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the entire membership of the SLEC, the SLEC shall not obligate the Party to pay any financial commitment in excess of that which can be repaid from unrestricted cash and automatic recurring donations expected to be received within 6 months.

## **VII Voting in Meetings.**

- 1) The method of voting used shall be left to the discretion of the Chair unless the SLEC shall vote otherwise.
- 2) A division vote must be taken on the request of any member of the SLEC, said member not needing to have the floor to make such request.
- 3) One fifth of the membership of the SLEC shall be sufficient to order a roll call vote.
- 4) All votes taken by the SLEC or a sub-committee shall be counted by the chair and secretary of the particular committee or their designees.
- 5) The use of proxies and proxy voting is prohibited at all meetings of all Executive Committees at any level.
- 6) For all votes electing someone for any party position, None of the Above or an equivalent must be one of the choices. Any election by the SLEC without the ability to elect none of the candidates is void.

## **VIII Committees of the Executive Committee.**

- 1) The SLEC may establish such committees as it deems appropriate to assist it in carrying out its non-statutory duties, and may appoint to such committees persons who are not members of the SLEC.
- 2) No action of a subcommittee or of any standing committee created by the SLEC shall replace or supersede the actions or authority of the SLEC at its subsequent meetings.

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